

Thurston Nature Committee Meeting

Thursday November 10, 2022

7pm via Zoom

Attendance: Colin Brooks, Beth Caldwell, Emily Eisbruch, Jeff Hamilton, Maureen McCoy, Elizabeth Morehead, Pam O'Neal, Rachel Oram, Hannah Smith, Elsa Stuber, Michael Tucker, Jim Vallem, Holly Zechar

Current challenges: Drain fix/ pond

Trying to get more information from AAPS. Some repair work has been done, but still needs to fix root cause. Postponing second drain work, working on culvert. Tear out berm, 10 ft and rebuild, still some structural issues, and repair part of the pipe that was not installed correctly, near the catch basin.

Other issues of concern: Trail/ pond issues

Trying to get wood chips – need a new, good source for wood chips on the trails

Community involvement- t-shirt – student designed. Elizabeth suggested contacting Thurston principals and art teacher for incorporating students.

Jack Cederquist -gave out information @ OHHMA event this Fall for Thurston Nature Committee

Boy and Girl Scouts project – planting project this year.

Nature Walks- involve Logan elementary and Gretchen's House. Jim did walk / tour with the Wild Ones organization.

Invasive Black Alder/ European Alder trees have been cut along the pond line.

Still reach out to the neighborhood for wood chip donations. Talk to DTE about donations/ promotion.

Set up committees, more involvement from the community with the board. Animal steward committee, butterfly garden committee.

Rare bird survey project – possible board for Thurston Nature Pond.

Thank-you Richard Stuber for bridge work.

Invasive control done this year. Burns done, sowing of seeds done. Put in Michigan Lilies – attract butterflies and other species. Water smart weed – good food for waterfowl.

Jim requesting pictures of crowds from goats at the pond. Working on an article for Wild Ones about goat experience.

Next meeting – TBD

Adjourned @ 8:25pm